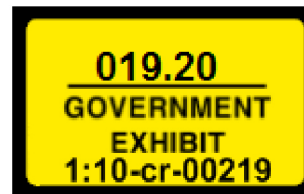


Exhibit 6



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August 16, 1984

Mr. Henry Sandonato
N.Y.S.D.E.C.
600 Delaware Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14202

Dear Mr. Sandonato:

We are in receipt of the Erie County Department of Environmental and Planning's letter dated June 27, 1984. This letter directs us to inform you of activities related to windborne dust.

Since Tonawanda Coke Corporation came into existence in January, 1978, emissions from this location have steadily decreased, resulting in our full compliance with existing regulations. Additionally, the Tonawanda area has reached ambient air quality standards. This says a great deal for our efforts, as well as the efforts of others in this area.

In any urban area there is going to be a certain amount of fallout dust from a variety of sources. Tonawanda Coke Corporation's contribution to any impact in the Riverview area is believed negligible. Contributing to this belief is the fact that the boiler operation has been on 100% gas fuel for almost two years, thus eliminating any fly ash or bottom ash problem. Additionally, the distance between Tonawanda Coke Corporation and the Riverview area makes the prospect of windborne coal particles moving that far highly improbable.

Tonawanda Coke Corporation has on site, equipment and material necessary for coal pile management. The strategy is to coat the coal piles with a crust to prevent entrainment of any coal particles during dry, high wind periods.

Coke breeze, by its nature, is quite fine in size and often considered a suspect in windborne cases. Tonawanda Coke Corporation does not maintain coke breeze as an unwanted product, but as a raw material. Thus, the inventory of coke breeze is always at a low level. The

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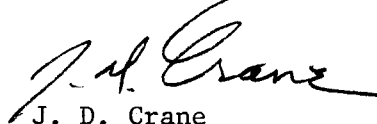
physical location of the coke breeze storage area is such that the massive coal handling building and solid elevated railroad trestle offer buffering from any wind. Further, coke breeze is very wet and as such, resistant to entrainment.

In order to minimize dust that might be picked up by truck traffic, we sweep our plant roadways on a regular basis.

We have made a strong effort to minimize dust fallout and will continue to do so.

Very truly yours

TONAWANDA COKE CORPORATION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. D. Crane", is written over the printed name.

J. D. Crane
President

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